consideration as thereby an assessment of Rs. 2,000 and a supari duty of Rs. 500 per annum would be secured to Government at an outlay of Rs. 30,000.

Reply of Government.—The project has not been favorably reported upon. The Deputy Commissioner will however investigate the matter once again.

Subject No. 266
Discontinuance of forest operations in the Chitaldrug District.

Summary of discussion.—The operations of the Forest Department in a Maidan district like Chitaldrug have led to the imposition of various restrictions highly prejudicial to the raiyat population who have long enjoyed certain privileges. Thereis a tendency to encroach upon village pasture lands and even private holdings, and after all the gain to Government is almost nil. It is therefore prayed that Forest operations may be discontinued in this District.

Reply of Government.—Under correspondence. The reasonable requirements of the people will receive due consideration.

Subject No. 267
Munsiff's Court for Davangere.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that a Munsiff's Court may soon be ordered to be opened at Davangere.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration. *Vide* No. 52 under "General Subjects."

Subject No. 268
Feeding chattram for Davangere.

Summary of discussion.—Brahmin and Gosayi travellers are put to much inconvenience owing to the want of a feeding chattram at Davangere. It is therefore prayed that a suitable building may be constructed for the purpose and that a chattram allowance not elsewhere so badly required, maybe transferred to it.

Reply of Government.—Government do not consider this necessary.

Subject No. 269
Levy of export duty at Davangere.

Summary of discussion.—The importation of food grains and other articles of consumption into this town will be handicapped by the levy of octroi duty. It is therefore prayed that, in lieu of such duty, an export duty of 3 pies per bag of all kinds of articles may be introduced. This will bring the Municipality a revenue of not less than a thousand rupees or so.

Reply of Government.—The question is under correspondence.

Subject No. 270
Road from Davangere to Anekonda.

Summary of discussion.—The opening of a road from Davangere town to Anekonda will be a boon to the inhabitants of both the places and may therefore be sanctioned.

Reply of Government.—This is a matter for the consideration of the Local Fund Board.

Subject No. 271
Reduction of Banga yet rates on lands under wells.

Summary of discussion.—Most of the wet lands in the Challakere Taluk are irrigated by kapile wells. During the taram jamabandi, lands below tanks and channels were

classed as wet and assessed at Rs. 6 per acre while wet lands irrigated by wells and mixed gardens containing trees were classed as bagayet with an assessment of Rs. 12 per acre.

As a consequence of this classification, many lands irrigated by wells have either been relinquished in full or are only retained in part. Cultivation of lands under tanks and channels is comparatively easier and cheaper than that of lands under wells. Twenty-seven years have elapsed since the survey settlement. It is proposed that at the revision of settlement which will take place three years hence, a more favorable adjustment of rates may be adopted.

Reply of Government.—This is being dealt with in connection with the revision recently ordered.

Subject No. 272 Wet lands under wells classed as Bagayet.

Summary of discussion.—In Nannivala and other villages which originally belonged to the Chitaldrug Taluk but which now belong to the Challakere Taluk, lands were reclassified recently owing to the expiry of the period of Survey guarantee. The whole of the lands under wells were then classed as bagayet though only portions of them could be irrigated by those wells at a time. As this is ruinous to the raiyats, it is requested that only such portions as are capable of being cultivated with wet crops be ordered to be classed as bagayet.

Reply of Government.—Referred to the Survey Superintendent.

Subject No. 273 Reduction of rates on wet lands classed as Bagayet.

Summary of discussion.—The same land is classed partly as wet and partly as bagayet, though both portions are situate under the same tank and are only capable of yielding wet crops. The bagayet portion, though more heavily assessed than the wet portion, is denied the benefit of remissions occasionally sanctioned by Government. The reduction of the assessment thereon and the extension of the benefit of remission rules thereto are prayed for.

Reply of Government.—*Vidé* reply to Subject No. 271 above.